

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the present application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Connery et al.* (US 6,311,276) in view of *Angelo et al.* (US 6,418,533). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection.

Claim 1 recites "a control means, connected to said server computer system, for issuing a wake-up request to said portable client computer system via a wireless connection to switch said portable client computer system to a normal operating state from a low-power or off state, and for issuing a request to said portable client computer system via said wireless connection to disable said portable client computer system." Thus, the claimed control means within a server computer system is capable of issuing a wake-up request to a portable client computer system via a wireless connection to switch the portable client computer system from a low-power or off state to a normal operating state, and issuing a request to the portable client computer system via the wireless connection to disable the portable client computer system.

On page 3 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the claimed control means is disclosed by *Connery* in col. 1, lines 17-20 and col. 5, lines 11-26. Col. 1, lines 17-20 of *Connery* states that the "in complex network environments, many of the end stations are turned off at night or at other times when they are not in use, either manually or automatically by power management circuits." Col. 5, lines 11-26 of *Connery* generally teaches a network interface card 31 for implementing a secure Wake On LAN feature to allow a personal computer system that has been powered off to be turned on remotely.

The claimed control means is distinguished from *Connery*'s network interface card 31 because *Connery*'s network interface card 31 is located within an end station (see Figure 2) instead of within a server computer system, as claimed. Also, *Connery*'s network interface card

31 wakes up a computer that has gone asleep but does not "disable said portable client computer system," as claimed.

Claim 1 also recites "a network adapter, connected to said portable client computer system, for disabling said portable client computer system from further operations in response to said request." Thus, the claimed network adapter within a portable client computer system is capable of disabling the portable client computer system from further operations in response to the above-mentioned request from the claimed control means.

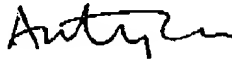
On page 6 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner asserts the claimed network adapter is disclosed by *Angelo* in col. 3, lines 8-15, lines 33-37, col. 4, lines 17-30, and col. 5, lines 36-39. Basically, *Angelo* teaches "an electronic option circuit 295 for receiving current location information from a worldwide positioning system and selectively enabling or disabling operation of the computer system." Thus, *Angelo*'s electronic option circuit 295 selectively enables or disables operations of a computer system in response to a current location information from a worldwide positioning system instead of responding to a request from the control means within the server computer system, as claimed. Because the cited references, whether considered separately or in combination, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention, the § 103 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claim 1 along with its dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against Deposit Account No. 50-3083.

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